

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, in which Claims 1-4 were rejected. No claims have been canceled; Claims 1 and 3 have been amended; and no new claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 are pending in the application, and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Specification

The abstract has been noted as including the term "said". Applicant has amended the abstract accordingly, and is now believed to be in a proper format.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,345,260 (*Cummings*) in view of US Patent No. 5,995,937 (*DeBusk*). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is not obvious from the cited references since neither of the references disclose a claimed feature of the present invention. More particularly, the feature of scheduling medical equipment based on the input of a zip code. As disclosed in the Specification on Page 3, lines 12-27, the medical equipment is associated with a zip code. When a user desires to schedule a procedure, the user enters a zip code corresponding to an area in which the user wishes to find the particular medical equipment. The software is then able to determine available equipment at a location nearest the user based on the zip code.

This feature is clearly claimed in independent Claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 3 are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

Claims 2 and 4 are dependent on Claim 1 or 3, and therefore includes all the features thereof. For the reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 1 and 3, Claims 2 and 4 are also believed to be patentable.

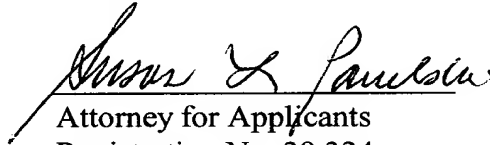
Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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